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SUBJ: OPENING OF ASEAN SUMMIT

1. SUMMARY. FIVE HEADS OF ASEAN COUNTRIES OPENED SUMMIT  
IN BALI FEB 23. SPEECHES EMPHASIZED NEED FOR COOPERATION  
IN ECONOMIC MATTERS AND MOST SPEAKERS STRESSED ASEAN WAS  
NOT MILITARY PACT. OTHER THEMES WHICH APPEARED IN  
INDIVIDUAL SPEECHES TOUCHED ON RELATIONS WITH INDOCHINA  
ZONE OF PEACE, DIFFERENCES AMONG ASEAN PARTNERS, NEW INTER-  
NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND ASEAN DISCUSSIONS WITH US,  
JAPAN, AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. LEE KUAN YEW REFERRED  
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DIRECTLY TO US READINESS TO LIVE WITH COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS

IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. GREETINGS WERE RECEIVED FROM EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND CANADA. END SUMMARY.

2. TOGETHER WITH OTHER MEMBERS JAKARTA DIPLOMATIC CORPS (EXCEPT FOR RUSSIAN WHO STAYED HOME) I ATTENDED OPENING OF ASEAN SUMMIT IN BALI FEB 23. WITH SUITABLY LAUDATORY NOMINATION AND SECONDS BY MARCOS AND HUSSEIN ONN, SUHARTO WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN. INDIVIDUAL SPEECHES FOLLOWED BEFORE AUDIENCE OF DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS IN MAIN HALL OF PERTAMINA COTTAGE RESORT IN BALI.

3. FIVE LEADERS PRESENTED APPEARANCE OF CAMARADERIE ALTHOUGH EACH HAD DIFFERENT STYLE. MARCOS WAS NOT RELUCTANT TO STEAL SCENE AND IMPRESSED CROWD WITH EXTEMPORANEOUS DELIVERY. LEE KUAN YEW'S FRANKNESS WAS TINGED WITH GOOD HUMOR. HUSSEIN ONN WAS SERIOUS AND MOST FIRM AGAINST MILITARY PACT. SUHARTO WAS SUITABLY MODEST AS CHAIRMAN. KUKRIT WAS LEAST SUBSTANTIVE PROBABLY BECAUSE HE HAD WEAKEST POLITICAL BASE.

4. WE ASSUME FULL TEXTS OF SPEECHES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS. PRIMARY THEME IN ALL FIVE WAS NEED TO CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC MATTERS AND PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS SECURITY AGAINST SUBVERSION. PRES. SUHARTO MADE EXPECTED POINTS REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL RESILIENCE.

5. ONN, MARCOS AND SUHARTO ALL STRESSED THAT ASEAN SHOULD NOT BE MILITARY PACT. SUHARTO STRESSED THIS DID NOT ELIMINATE COOPERATION IN SECURITY FIELD. ONN SAID MILITARY COOPERATION SHOULD BE LEFT TO INDIVIDUAL STATES OUTSIDE OF ASEAN STRUCTURE. MARCOS PREDICTED ASEAN WOULD FACE NO DANGER OF OUTSIDE AGGRESSION AT LEAST FOR NEXT FEW YEARS.

6. HUSSEIN ONN SAID ASEAN SHOULD EXTEND HAND OF FRIENDSHIP TO INDOCHINESE STATES. LEE KUAN YEW SPOKE OF "COMPETITION" WITH INDOCHINESE STATES WITH ASEAN HAVING THE GREATER CAPACITY TO MOVE RAPIDLY AHEAD BECAUSE ASEAN STATES NOT RAVAGED BY WAR. MARCOS MADE POINT THAT ASEAN INFLUENCE LIMITED IN DEALING WITH INDOCHINESE DEVELOPMENTS, MAJOR POWER INTERESTS (INCLUDING INDIA), AND FUTURE SOVIET-CHINESE RELATIONS. KUKRIT REFERRED

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DIRECTLY TO ZONE OF PEACE AND ONN REFERRED TO KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION OF '71 WHICH LAY BASIS FOR "RELATIONS IN OUR ZONE." SUHARTO IN WELCOMING COMMENTS REFERRED TO LATE ABDUL RAZAK AND TO HIS "INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION" OF THE CONCEPT OF THE ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY.

7. WHILE CORRIDOR GOSSIP SUGGESTS BASIC DIFFERENCES HAVE BEEN PAPERED OVER FOR SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF SUMMIT, MOST

SPEAKERS REFERRED IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER TO DIFFERENCES. LEE KUAN YEW WAS FRANKEST IN TALKING ABOUT PROBLEMS OF RECONCILING SHORT-TERM INTERESTS WITH THOSE OF LONGER TERM BUT HE ENDED WITH EXPRESSION OF SURPRISE AND PLEASURE THAT AFTER "ARDUOUS NEGOTIATIONS" MOST DIFFERENCES HAD BEEN RESOLVED. MARCOS SPOKE OF REDUCING BARRIERS AFTER LONG YEARS OF INDIFFERENCE AND OCCASIONAL HOSTILITY AMONG ASEAN MEMBERS. MARCOS ALSO STRESSED NEED TO REITERATE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM FROM INTERFERENCE AND RESPECT FOR RIGHT OF EACH COUNTRY TO FORM ITS OWN SOCIETY.

8. ONN AND SUHARTO ENDORSED NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND ONN SPOKE OF IMPORTANCE OF NONALIGNMENT.

9. US WAS MENTIONED DIRECTLY ONLY BY LEE KUAN YEW. SPEAKING OF DIFFERENCES IN REGION FROM TIME OF FOUNDING OF ASEAN, HE COMMENTED THAT US AND WESTERN NATIONS ARE SET ON DETENTE AND A WIDER DIALOGUE WITH CHINA. US IS PREPARED TO LIVE WITH COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA "AS IT IS APPARENTLY PREPARED TO LIVE WITH A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA." HIS OTHER REFERENCE WAS TO POSSIBILITY OF ASEAN TALKS WITH INDUSTRIAL NATIONS INCLUDING US, JAPAN AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

10. AFTER OPENING SESSION PRINCIPALS AND DELEGATIONS ADJOURNED FOR PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WHICH NOW SCHEDULED TO END TUESDAY EVENING, FEB 24. EMBASSY HAS POLITICAL OFFICER IN BALI AND WILL REPORT BACKGROUND OF CONFERENCE RESULTS LATER THIS WEEK.  
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